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PRESENTS:

# SPIDEY AND THE THING GO TOGETHER!

THE THING IS EITHER UNCONSCIOUS OR DEAD--A VOLCANO HAS ERUPTED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE HUDSON RIVER--NEW YORK IS BURNING--AND AS IF ALL THAT ISN'T BAD ENOUGH--

## I HAVE TO FIGHT THE BASILISK!

AND IT'S A FIGHT  
YOU'RE GOING TO  
LOSE, WALL-  
CRAWLER!

AS PROMISED, THE POWER-  
PACKED CONCLUSION TO  
THE TALE BEGUN IN  
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--BUT IN TRUE BASIL ELKS' STYLE--  
IT MANAGED TO HIT THE VERY GEM  
THAT WAS GOING TO MAKE ME RICH!

"THE GEM  
EXPLODED!"



"AND INSTEAD OF A MILLION-  
AIRE, BASIL ELKS BECAME--"

--SOMETHING ELSE!

I'M NOT BASIL  
ELKS ANYMORE!

I HAVE  
BEEN GIVEN  
THE POWER OF  
CHANGE--TO  
MAKE THINGS  
OTHER THAN  
WHAT THEY  
ARE!

NOW I AM--THE  
BASILISK!

"BUT THE ALPHA STONE WAS BUT  
ONE OF A PAIR OF GEMS. AND IF  
ONE COULD MAKE ME WHAT I  
HAD BECOME--"

--WHAT, THEN, WOULD BE THE  
COMBINED EFFECT OF TWO?

"UNFORTUNATELY,  
I WAS NOT THEN  
TO KNOW--"



--FOR MY SEARCH  
WAS INTERRUPTED  
BY MY BATTLE  
WITH YOU, WALL-  
CRAWLER--

--AND CAPTAIN  
MARVEL!

"THE KREE-MAN KNEW THE  
NATURE AND POWER OF THE  
TWO GEMS--"

--AND WHILE I  
FOUGHT YOU--  
HE UNEARTHED  
THE SECOND."

THE  
OMEGA  
STONE!



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BEAUTIFUL!

"AND SO DEADLY! NO  
SOONER HAD MARVEL  
TOUCHED IT THAN IT  
BEGAN TO THROB--

--TO GROW!"

BY THE  
SEVEN  
STARS!

"FEEDING ON HIS  
KREE-ENERGIES.

THE STONE--SINK-  
ING INTO THE  
EARTH! WITH  
MARVEL INSIDE  
IT!

GONE!!

I DON'T  
BELIEVE  
IT!

"USING MARVEL'S  
OWN POWER  
TO DRAW HIM  
WITHIN ITS  
RUBY DEPTHS!"

"BUT IT WAS TRUE! THE STONE PLUNGED THROUGH ROCK AND SOIL AS IF THEY WERE WATER TO THE REGIONS DEEP WITHIN THE EARTH--"

--INHABITED ONLY BY THE SUBTERRANEAN CULTURE OF THE MOLE MAN!

"IT WAS HE WHO RECOVERED THE NOW-ENORMOUS OMEGA STONE-- USING ITS ENERGIES TO POWER HIS SURFACE-DIRECTED LASER CANNON!"

"WHICH YOU AGAIN ALMOST SUCCEEDED IN STOPPING-- AIDED BY REED RICHARDS, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS MISTER FANTASTIC!"

"AT LEAST, UNTIL MY ARRIVAL!"

THE  
BASILISK!  
HE'S  
BACK!!

"ATU #17--MARY."

"YET EVEN IN THE CHAOS OF THE ENSUING BATTLE--AGAINST HORDES OF FACELESS SUBTERRANEANS--"

--AGAINST EVEN THE MOLE MAN HIMSELF--

--YOU TRIUMPHED!  
FREEING THE TRAPPED CAPTAIN MARVEL--

ATTACK THEM,  
MY FAITHFUL ONES!

DESTROY THEM!

--AND LEAVING ME TO RESCUE THE OMEGA STONE!

SHALL I TELL YOU OF THE PAIN, SPIDER-MAN? OF THE ALMOST UNENDURABLE AGONY?

"JUST AS IT WAS COVERED OVER BY A WAVE OF MOLTEN--

--LAVA!

OH...NO...

DO I HAVE ANY CHOICE, BASIL?

NONE,  
I'M AFRAID.

"FOR YOU SEE, I DID NOT DIE BE-  
NEATH THE MOLTEN FLOW--AS  
ALL WHO WATCHED EXPECTED!"

"THE OMEGA STONE GREW AT MY  
TOUCH--ENCASING ME AS IT HAD  
EARLIER ENCASED CAPTAIN MARVEL."



"I DRIFTED, WALL-CRAWLER, DOWN A  
STREAM OF LIQUID ROCK! IMMOBILE--"

"--UNTIL FOUND BY THE AIM-  
LESSLY WANDERING SUBTER-  
RANEANS, WHO HAD THEMSELVES  
BEEN CUT OFF AND ABANDONED  
BY THEIR MASTER!"



"AND IN THE DIM FASTNESS  
OF THEIR MINDS, THEY  
LOCKED UPON MY TRAPPED  
FORM AS A GIFT TO THEM  
FROM WHATEVER GODS  
SUCH BEINGS COULD HAVE!"

"ALONE EXCEPT FOR ONE!"

"CURIOS,  
WORSHIPFUL!"



"COMING EVER CLOSER TO  
THE GLEAMING PRESENCE  
OF HIS DEITY!"

"DARING TO REACH  
FOR HEAVEN--"



"AND IN MY GRATITUDE--"



"--I SLEW  
THE POOR,  
UNTHINKING  
CREATURE!"

"FEEDING  
ON HIS  
LIFE-  
FORCE..."



"...GROWING  
IN POWER..."

"...UNTIL THE EARTH IT-  
SELF COULD NO LONGER  
CONTAIN ME!"

"A VOLCANO ROSE IN  
THE SAVAGE LAND--"

"THEY BORE ME DEEP WITHIN  
THE EARTH, INTO A CAVERN THE SUN  
WOULD NEVER SEE. BUT THEN,  
DISASTER STRUCK THEM--"



"--AN EARTH-  
QUAKE, SEALING  
ME ALONE WITH-  
IN THE CAVERN!"

"--AND FINDING HELL INSTEAD!"



"HIS TOUCH RELEASED ME  
FROM THE STONE--ITS  
ENERGIES JOINING THOSE  
OF THE ALPHA STONE  
ALREADY WITHIN ME!"



"--AND IT WAS THAT WHICH  
DREW BEN GRIMM TO ME!"

GRIMM--  
WHO NEVER  
SUSPECTED  
WHAT LAY IN  
WAIT--WITHIN!

LAST ISH--MARK  
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WALL-CRAWLER! HOW IN BLAZES DID YOU GET TO THE SOUTH POLE?

AN' WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA O' CHUCKIN' A WEBFUL O' WATER IN MY GLAMOROUS KISSER??

THE WATER WAS JUST MY WAY OF SAYING "HELLO!"

THE BASILISK, HUH? NOW I REMEMBER!

--AN' THEN POINT THE WAY TO THAT BUG-EYED LITTLE CLOWN! ME AN' HIM GOT A SCORE TO SETTLE!

HE'S UNDER THAT PILE OF ROCKS BEHIND YOU, BENJY!

GIMME A HAND UP, WEB-HEAD...

THEM ONES THAT'S MOVIN', YA MEAN!



YOU BOTH STILL LIVE?

BUT HOW???

BOY, HAVE YOU BEEN OUT OF IT, TALL, ORANGE AND UGLY!

THE BASILISK TELLS ME HE KNOCKED YOU FOR A LOOP--THEN TRANSPORTED BOTH YOU AND THIS VOLCANO HERE TO NEW YORK!

DON'T GET YER JAWS IN AN UPROAR WORRYIN' ABOUT IT, CHUM--

--'CAUSE WHERE I'M GONNA SEND YOU--YOU AINT GONNA HAVE TO FRET ABOUT NOTHIN'!

HOW OFTEN MUST I PROVE MY POWER TO YOU, THING--

--BEFORE YOU LIE DOWN AND DIE???

A GOOD QUESTION...

...BUT ONE THAT'S GOING TO HAVE TO WANT A FEW PANELS AS WE SWITCH TO...

POLICE AND FIRE ARE ON AN ALL-POINTS ALERT, JONAH!

THEIR REPORTS SAY THAT SOMEBODY'S FIGHTING ON TOP OF THAT VOLCANO!

AND WE HAVEN'T GOT A PICTURE TO SHOW FOR IT!

WHERE IN BLAZES IS PARKER???

YOU--WHAT'S YOUR NAME? DID YOU GET AHOOLD OF OUR STAR PHOTOGRAPHER YET?

NO SIR, MR. JAMESON. HIS LINE'S BEEN BUSY FOR AN HOUR--AND WHEN I TOLD THE OPERATOR IT WAS AN EMERGENCY--

--SHE CUT IN--BUT ALL WE HEARD WAS WHAT SOUNDED LIKE A CRAZY WOMAN YELLING THE WORD "PETER" OVER AND OVER!

FOR THIS I PAY RECEPTIONISTS.

AND FOR THIS I GET OUT OF BED IN THE MORNING!

FOR THIS I EMPLOY PHOTOGRAPHERS!

FOR THIS I RUN A NEWSPAPER! OH, DEATH--

--WHERE IS THY STING?

A DISASTER GREATER THAN THE MINDENBERG OR THE CHICAGO FIRE!

THERE'LL BE OTHER STORIES, JONAH!

LOOK AT IT, ROBBIE! THE STORY OF THE CENTURY!

YOU BET THERE WILL, ROBBIE. STARTING WITH TOMORROW'S FRONT PAGE--

I'M GOING TO CRUSH YOU, INSECT!

YOU'RE GOING TO DIE!!

--WHERE THE HEADLINE IS GOING TO READ "PUBLISHER SLAYS FREE-LANCE PHOTOGRAPHER!"

"JUST WAIT UNTIL I GET MY HANDS ON PETER PARKER!"

FOR THAT YOU MAY HAVE TO WAIT IN LINE, JONAH.

ATTABOY, WEB-HEAD! YER KEEPIN' 'M OFF BALANCE!

I THINK YOU NEED GLASSES, BENJAMIN!  
I--UNGGH!



WHAT MADE YOU  
THINK IT WOULD BE  
ANY DIFFERENT  
NOW?

OH, NOTHING  
IN PARTICULAR!

I JUST THOUGHT  
I'D GIVE IT THE  
OLD SCHOOL TRY!

UUNHHH!!

LOOK AT YOU,  
WALL-CRAWLER!  
HUMBLED!

ON YOUR  
KNEES!

--THE BASILISK  
HAS  
SUCCEEDED!

I COULD FINISH  
YOU NOW, SPIDER-  
MAN--BUT THERE  
WILL BE TIME  
ENOUGH FOR THAT  
LATER...

--AFTER I'VE DESTROYED  
THE CITY YOU SO FEEBLY  
ATTEMPTED TO  
DEFEND!!

TH' GREENIE'S LEAVIN',  
MR. GRIMM! AN' I'M  
NOT SEEIN' ANY SIGN O'  
SPIDER--WAIT!!

YEAH, I SEE  
HIM, O'Rourke!

HE'S ASKIN'  
IF YER BOAT  
CAN GET US  
TO SHORE!

CAST YER PEEPERS  
DOWN, WEB-HEAD! I  
CLOBBERED THEIR  
ENGINE WHEN I  
WENT THROUGH THE  
CABIN ROOF!

WE'RE  
STRANDED,  
HOT-SHOT!

HE'S SIG-  
NALING YOU TO  
CLIMB UP, THING!

GAZE ON POWER.  
THE ABILITY TO  
TEAR LIFELESS  
ROCK FROM THE  
SIDE OF A  
MOUNTAIN...

...AND SHAPE IT  
TO ANY PURPOSE.

POWER. PERHAPS UNSTOPPABLE.

SURE. WHY NOT? WE  
LOST US THIS INNING  
ANYWAY! WHAT'S  
KILLIN' SOME TIME  
GONNA MATTER?

I'M COMIN', WALL-  
CRAWLER--'CAUSE  
THERE AINT NUTHIN'  
ELSE WE CAN DO  
RIGHT NOW!

I HOPE YOUR  
GOOD CHEER ISN'T  
CONTAGIOUS,  
'BENJAMIN! A GUY  
COULD DIE BEING  
THAT MAD!!'

WELL SOMETHING'S SURE  
TICKLIN' YOU PAL! SPILL IT!

OH--IT'S JUST THAT  
I THINK I CAN GET  
US OVER TO THE  
CITY WITHOUT TOO  
MUCH OF A DELAY!

YEAH.  
HOW?

WATCH,  
BENTY--

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--AND HANG ON!!

WHEE-OOO! HERE COMES SPIDER-MAN--  
THE MAN WITH-OUT FEAR!



SHEESH! AIN'T YA GOT NO RESPECT  
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WEB-HEAD?

NOPE. I'M SHAMELESS!  
BESIDES, I'M SURE DAREDEVIL  
WILL FORGIVE  
ME!

YA JUST BETTER MAKE SURE THIS SKINNY LITTLE TIGHTROPE O' YERS HOLDS UP, CHUM--  
--OR THERE AIN'T GONNA BE ENOUGH LEFT O' EITHER OF US TA WORRY ABOUT OL' HORN-HEAD!

IT HELD, BENJY!  
BUT THAT WAS THE EASY PART!

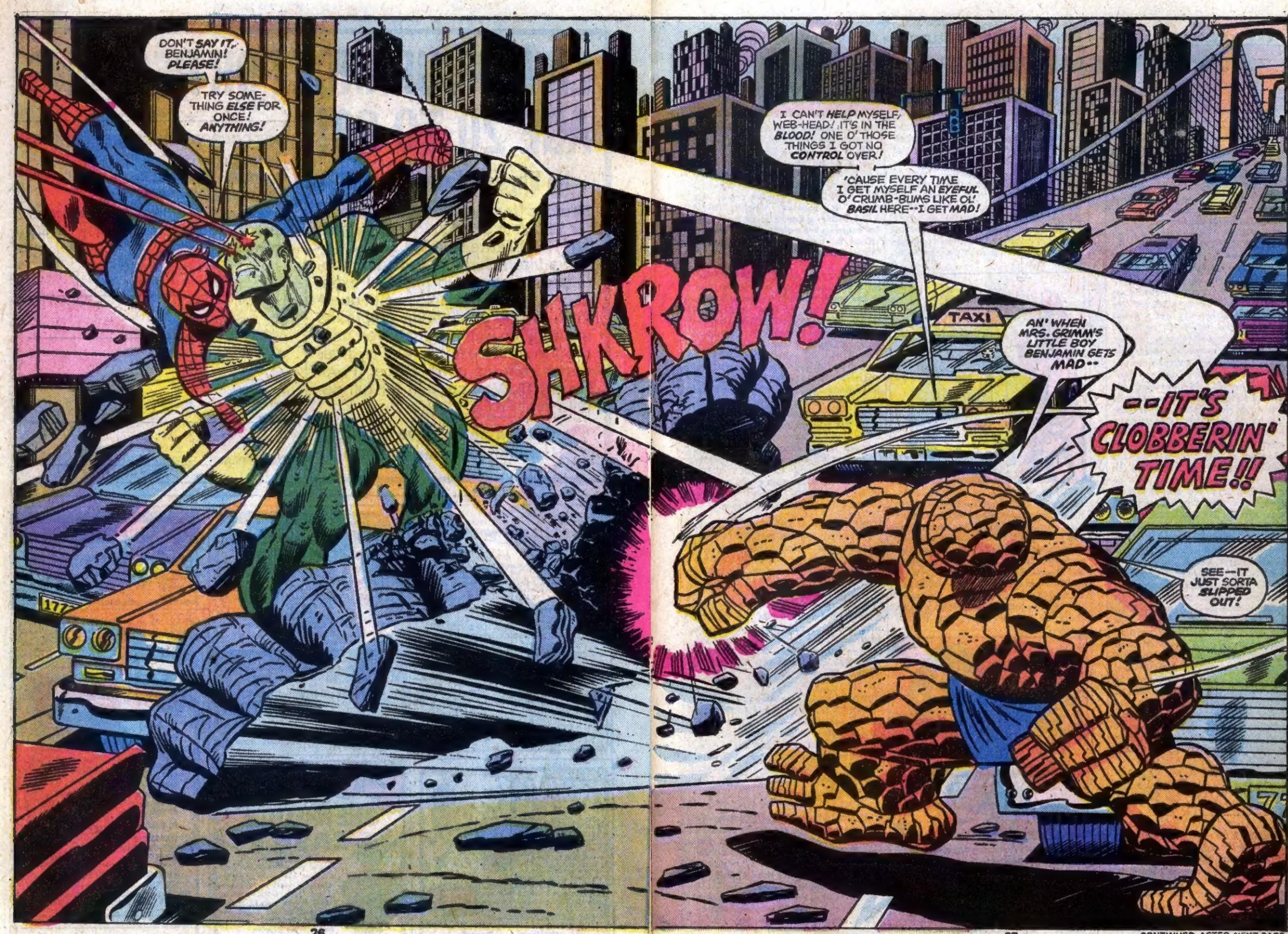
NOW WE HAVE A CITY TO SEARCH IF WE'RE GOING TO FIND THE BASILISK--

--BEFORE HE DESTROYS IT!"

COWER, YOU TREMBLING CATTLE!

RUN BEFORE THE MIGHT OF THE BASILISK!





IF YOU THINK EVEN A  
CONCERTED ATTACK CAN  
STOP ME NOW, SPIDER-  
MAN--YOU ARE WRONG!

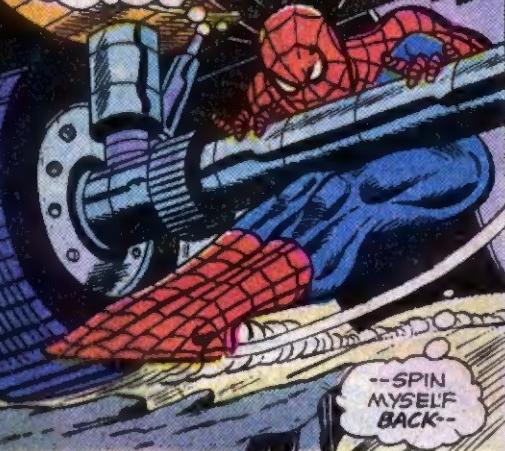
DEAD  
WRONG!!



AW, C'MON, BASIL!  
IF YOU WANT TO PLAY  
IN THE BIG LEAGUES  
YOU'VE GOT TO KNOW  
WHEN YOU'RE BEATEN!

HE DOESN'T SEE THAT  
TRUCK IN FRONT OF US!  
NOW IF ONLY I CAN--

NOW TO GRAB  
HOLD OF THE  
AXLE--



WRAM!

--DUCK  
IN TIME!

SORRY, BUG-EYES!  
BUT THIS HUNK OF  
ROCK ISN'T BIG  
ENOUGH FOR THE  
BOTH OF US!



--AND GET BACK  
TO BENJY BEFORE  
HE DOES SOMETHING RASH!



C'MERE,  
CHUCKLES!

WE GOT US  
SOMETHIN' TO  
DISCUSS!

AFTER YOU  
WAKE UP!!

BUT  
TOM!



